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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Satellite Policy Branch
International Bureau

RE: Motient Services Inc. and Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC Application for Assignment of Licenses and For Authority to launch and operate a Next Generation Mobile Satellite Service System: Lead File No. SAT-ASG-2001030200017

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Please accept this letter as notification that Montrose County Sheriff's Office supports the above captioned application of Motient Services Inc. and Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC filed on March 2, 2001.

Motient's current satellite communications services address the needs of emergency management agencies. In times of natural disasters or emergency situations, Montrose County Sheriff's Office is called upon to respond and requires a system that is dependable under all conditions. Motient's service offers reliable emergency response communication even when landline and cellular service is out and power lines are down.

When outages occur, Motient offers seamless coverage. Furthermore, by implementing multiple service and terminal applications, rapid deployment of emergency responders is achieved when an emergency strikes.

Montrose County Sheriff's Office agrees with Motient and Mobile Satellite Ventures that the new system, as outlined in the application, will have tremendous benefit and would continue to improve communications in rural and remote communities

For these reasons, we believe the above-captioned application should be granted.

Best Regards,



Robert Walraven
Communications Supervisor



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